

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: B. Ryland Wiggs  
Serial No.: 10/073,515  
Filed: February 11, 2002  
For: "Method And Apparatus For Inhibiting Ice Accumulation  
In Hvac Systems"  
Group Art Unit: 3744  
Examiner: Melvin Jones  
Attorney's Docket No.: N8233  
Customer No.: 23456

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RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2004, the following  
remarks and arguments are submitted as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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Allowable Subject Matter

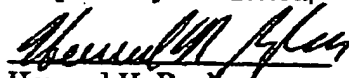
The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that Claims 1, 3 - 15 and 17 - 24 are allowed over the prior art of record. The Applicant also thanks the Examiner for agreeing to withdraw the rejection of Claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and for indicating that Claim 16 is allowable over the prior art of record. All pending claims are either allowed or allowable. Thus, Applicant respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

Petition to Extend Time for Response

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for responding to the December 28, 2004, Office Action for 1 month from March 28, 2005, to April 28, 2005. Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge the 1 month extension fee in the amount of \$60 to the Deposit Account Number 23-0035.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this Response to Deposit Account 23-0035.

Respectfully submitted,



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